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EDUCATION AND LITERACY IN YUGOSLAVIA

EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS IN BOSNIA -- Politika, No 13073, 5 Nov 48

The Minister of Education for Bosnia and Herzegovina reports that there are 1,354 elementary schools, with 2,450 teachers and about 300,000 pupils, in the republic this school year, an increase of 29 percent in schools, 19 percent in teachers, and 100 percent in pupils since 1941. Before the war Bosnia and Herzegovina ranked last in cultural and educational conditions as compared with the rest of Yugoslavia and Europe, with 1,043 elementary schools, 2,321 teachers, and about 150,000 pupils.

About 150,000 of the children who are required to go to elementary school do not go. In some districts the figure is as high as 70 percent.

Before the war there were 17 gymnasia/schools, 3 normal schools, and 6 technical schools in Bosnia and Herzegovina. There are now 69 gymnasia, 2 normal schools, and 25 middle technical schools in the republic.

LITERACY IN THE DIBROVNIK DISTRICT -- Politika, No 12995, 6 Aug 48

During 1947 and 1948, the cultural-educational plan for the Dibrovnik district has been exceeded, 688 persons have learned to read and write through 61 literacy courses, a 96 percent elimination of illiteracy. Twenty-one general educational courses also were held. This year, 193 teaching groups gave ideological instruction to 2,250 auditors, 1,297 ideological lectures in the People's University were attended by 60,379 persons. The number of books in local libraries increased to 2,550, while school and students' libraries have added 2,200 new volumes of Yugoslav and foreign literature.

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CULTURAL PROGRAM IN PROKUPLJE -- Politika, No 12991, 1 Aug 48

A committee of the Union of Cultural-Educational Associations of the Dobric District has been formed in Prokuplje, to coordinate and promote work on 25 people's libraries, 11 people's universities, and scores of amateur cultural and athletic societies. A census shows 93 illiterates in Prokuplje. A literacy campaign will begin in the fall.

TEACHERS' TRAINING IN CROATIA -- Politika, No 12992, 2 Aug 48

The Minister of Education for Croatia will open a one-month teachers' course in Zagreb for students who have completed seven or eight grades of gymnasium without graduating, who wish to become teachers. The course will be given 1-31 October. Those who pass will be assigned to elementary schools in Croatia. Next year, students of the course who have had seven grades of middle school will be called to the special fourth class of normal school, which will last 4 months, after which they will take an examination for a diploma. Those candidates who have completed eight grades will be able to take the examination for the diploma at once, with the students of the fourth class of the normal school.

SHORT COURSES FOR TEACHERS -- Borba, No 186, 2 Aug 48

A 3-week special politico-pedagogical course for teachers in middle and lower technical schools will be given in Sarajevo. This will be the first course of its kind in Bosnia and Herzegovina. About 120 students have registered so far.

TEACHERS STUDY MOVIE PROJECTION -- Politika, No 12990, 31 Jul 48

In accordance with the national program which provides that all elementary schools be provided with motion picture equipment, the Slovenian government has organized courses in movie projection in the Higher Pedagogical Schools in Ljubljana and in all normal schools in Slovenia. Of the 115 students in these schools 99 will take the course.

NEWSPAPER CIRCULATION IN BOSNIA -- Politika, No 13073, 5 Nov 48

Seventeen newspapers and three magazines are now being published in Bosnia and Herzegovina. In 1941, the circulation of newspapers amounted to 725,000 copies per month, plus 28,000 weeklies, as compared with 1,231,000 and 318,671, respectively, today. The circulation of the central newspapers Borba and Beljacka Borba has increased particularly. These figures reflect the success of the campaign against illiteracy, as well as the alertness of the masses, and the deep interest of the workers in political, economic, and cultural life.

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